IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A headset or headset assembly comprising:

first input means for electrically coupling the headset to receive audio signals from a two-way radio; ~~and~~

second input means for electrically coupling the headset to receive audio signals from a mobile telephone;

a battery terminal;

a boom microphone coupled to a preamplifier; and

means, responsive to coupling of the second input means to the mobile telephone, for coupling the preamplifier to receive power via the battery terminal.

2. (Previously Presented) The headset of claim 1, wherein the two-way radio comprises an aircraft two-way radio, and the mobile telephone comprises a cellular telephone.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A headset comprising:

means for receiving first and second electrical signals from respective first and second audio sources;

means for comparing one of the first and second electrical signals to a threshold; ~~and~~

means, responsive to the means for comparing, for changing relative amplitude of the received first and second electrical signals;

a battery terminal;

a boom microphone coupled to a preamplifier; and

means, responsive to coupling of the headset to the second source, for coupling the preamplifier to receive power via the battery terminal.

5. (Original) The headset of claim 4, wherein the first source is a two-way radio, and the second source is a personal listening device or a mobile telephone.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) A headset comprising:

first input jack for electrically coupling the headset to receive audio signals from a first source;

second input jack for electrically coupling the headset to receive audio signals from a second source, distinct from the first source;

a microphone preamplifier;

a battery terminal;

a circuit for coupling the microphone preamplifier to the battery terminal in response to electrical connection of the second input jack to the second source.

8. (Original) The headset of claim 7, further comprising means for changing relative amplitude of the received first and second electrical signals.

9. (Original) The headset of claim 7, wherein the first source is a two-way radio, and the second source is an entertainment device or a mobile telephone.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a headset, the method comprising:

receiving first and second audio signals from respective first and second independent audio sources; ~~and~~

attenuating the first audio signal in response to comparing the second audio signal to a reference;

mixing the attenuated first audio signal and the second audio signal to provide a mixed audio signal; and

acoustically transducing the mixed audio signal

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the headset includes a battery terminal and a microphone preamplifier, and the method further comprises:
detecting connection of the first audio source to the headset; and
in response to detecting connection of the first audio source, coupling the battery terminal to the microphone preamplifier.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising outputting the mixed audio signal to automatic-noise-reduction circuitry.

14. (Previously Presented) A headset for coupling to an aircraft two-way radio, the headset comprising:
an earpiece including an audio transducer;
a boom microphone coupled to a microphone preamplifier;
a battery terminal; and
a circuit for selectively coupling the microphone preamplifier to receive power via the battery terminal.

15. (Previously Presented) The headset of claim 14, further comprising
a first input jack for electrically coupling the headset to receive audio signals from the aircraft two-way radio; and
a second input jack for electrically coupling the headset to receive audio signals from a mobile telephone or personal music player, wherein the circuit is configured to selectively couple the microphone preamplifier to receive power via the battery terminal in response to a microphone bias signal from the mobile telephone.

16. (Previously Presented) The headset of claim 15, wherein the circuit comprises means for selectively coupling the microphone preamplifier to receive power via the battery terminal.

17. (Previously Presented) The headset of claim 15, further comprising:

circuitry for attenuating audio signals from the mobile telephone or personal music player in response to audio signals from the aircraft radio exceeding a threshold.

18. (Previously Presented) The headset of claim 15 comprising:

a mixer coupled to receive audio signals from the aircraft two-way radio and audio signals from the mobile telephone or personal music player and produce a mixed audio signal; and

acoustically transducing the mixed audio signal.

19. (Previously Presented) The headset of claim 18, further comprising:

acoustic-noise-reduction circuitry coupled to receive the mixed audio signal.

20. (Currently Amended) A headset comprising:

first input jack for electrically coupling the headset to receive audio signals from an aircraft radio;

second input jack for electrically coupling the headset to receive audio signals from a mobile telephone or personal music player; and

a mixer ~~from~~ for producing a mixed audio signal based on audio signals from the aircraft two-way radio and audio signals from the mobile telephone or personal music player.

21. (Previously Presented) The headset of claim 20, further comprising:

a microphone preamplifier;

a battery terminal; and

a circuit for coupling the microphone preamplifier to the battery terminal in response to electrical connection of the second input jack to the mobile telephone.

22. (Previously Presented) The headset of claim 20, further comprising:

circuitry for attenuating audio signals from the mobile telephone or personal music player in response to audio signals from the aircraft radio exceeding a threshold.

23. (Previously Presented) The headset of claim 20, further comprising:

acoustic-noise-reduction circuitry coupled to receive the mixed audio signal.